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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER 1987

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987	OCTOBER 1987	DECEMBER 1986
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,976	13,928	13,801	13,476
Total civilian employment	13,247	13,191	12,979	12,569
Total unemployment	729	737	822	907
Seasonally adjusted rate (%)	5.2	5.3	6.0	6.7
Range [b/]	4.6-5.8	4.7-5.9	5.4-6.6	6.0-7.4
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	5.8	5.9	6.0	6.7
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,872	13,918	13,836	13,389
Total civilian employment	13,194	13,201	13,065	12,548
Total unemployment	678	717	771	843
Unadjusted rate (%)	4.9	5.1	5.6	6.3
Range [b/]	4.3-5.5	4.5-5.7	5.0-6.2	5.6-7.0

a/ Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.
b/ Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS: California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 5.2 percent, down one-tenth of a percent from November. A year ago, in December, the rate was 6.7 percent. California's seasonally adjusted employment increased by 56,000 over the month, and unemployment in the state dropped by 8,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 5.8 percent.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 42,800 from 11,887,900 in November to 11,930,700 in December. Employment expansion continues to be concentrated in the service producing industries. As seasonally expected, retail trade posted the largest gains with the addition of 38,300 jobs over the month. Services, wholesale trade, finance, insurance and real estate, and transportation and public utilities also added jobs in December. Employment declines were posted in manufacturing, construction, government and agriculture. However, drops in manufacturing, construction, and government were less than seasonally anticipated. Construction employment was much stronger than expected. The industry lost 4,200 jobs, 5,200 less than expected for December.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE LABOR FORCE
IN CALIFORNIA*
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987	OCTOBER 1987	DECEMBER 1986
Total				
Labor Force	13,872	13,918	13,838	13,389
Employed	13,194	13,201	13,065	12,548
Unemployed	678	717	771	843
Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.1	5.6	6.3
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,374	7,329	7,337	7,152
Employed	7,051	7,031	7,002	6,729
Unemployed	324	298	334	424
Unemployment Rate	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.9
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,611	5,753	5,654	5,472
Employed	5,383	5,480	5,374	5,166
Unemployed	228	272	280	306
Unemployment Rate	4.1	4.7	4.9	5.6
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	887	836	846	766
Employed	761	690	689	651
Unemployed	126	146	157	115
Unemployment Rate	14.2	17.5	18.5	15.0
White				
Labor Force	11,771	11,710	11,650	11,408
Employed	11,226	11,146	11,027	10,735
Unemployed	545	564	623	674
Unemployment Rate	4.6	4.8	5.4	5.9
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	2,101	2,208	2,186	1,981
Employed	1,968	2,055	2,038	1,811
Unemployed	133	153	148	169
Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.9	6.8	8.6

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	NOV 1987	OCT 1987	NOV 1986	NOV 1987	OCT 1987	NOV 1986	NOV 1987	OCT 1987	NOV 1986
California	$444.17	$437.28	$427.35	40.9	40.6	40.7	$10.86	$10.77	$10.50

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates, but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR DECEMBER (PRELIMINARY)
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH DEC87	PREVIOUS MONTH NOV87	YEAR AGO DEC86	NUMERICAL CHANGE MONTH/MONTH	NUMERICAL CHANGE YEAR/YEAR	PERCENT CHANGE MONTH/MONTH	PERCENT CHANGE YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	11930.7	11887.9	11526.0	42.8	404.7	0.4	3.5
MINING	39.8	39.8	40.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.5
METAL MINING	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.8
FUEL MINING	30.9	30.8	31.3	0.1	-0.4	0.3	-1.3
NONMETAL MINING	6.7	6.8	6.6	-0.1	0.1	-1.5	1.5
CONSTRUCTION	577.9	582.1	540.2	-4.2	37.7	-0.7	7.0
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	154.8	155.7	144.7	-0.9	10.1	-0.6	7.0
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	73.3	74.7	69.9	-1.4	3.4	-1.9	4.9
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	349.8	351.7	325.6	-1.8	24.2	-0.5	7.4
MANUFACTURING	2094.6	2099.0	2064.5	-4.4	30.1	-0.2	1.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	659.8	663.2	647.4	-3.4	12.4	-0.5	1.9
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	170.4	173.7	167.0	-3.3	3.4	-1.9	2.0
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	5.3	5.1	5.3	0.2	0.0	3.9	0.0
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	46.9	49.5	45.4	-2.6	1.5	-5.3	3.3
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	118.2	119.1	116.3	-0.9	1.9	-0.8	1.6
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	15.2	15.4	15.0	-0.2	0.2	-1.3	1.3
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	116.6	117.3	113.9	-0.7	2.7	-0.6	2.4
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.3	40.2	39.7	0.1	0.6	0.2	1.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	148.9	148.7	146.1	0.2	2.8	0.1	1.9
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	66.3	66.1	64.2	0.2	2.1	0.3	3.3
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	26.1	26.0	26.4	0.1	-0.3	0.4	-1.1
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	68.8	68.6	67.7	0.2	1.1	0.3	1.6
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	7.2	7.2	7.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-2.7
DURABLE GOODS	1434.8	1435.8	1417.1	-1.0	17.7	-0.1	1.2
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	62.1	64.3	59.2	-2.2	2.9	-3.4	4.9
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	58.8	58.5	59.2	0.3	-0.4	0.5	-0.7
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	53.9	54.1	52.3	-0.2	1.6	-0.4	3.1
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	41.4	41.6	41.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.5	0.2
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	138.6	138.9	136.7	-0.3	1.9	-0.2	1.4
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	209.9	210.0	209.9	-0.1	0.0	-0.0	0.0
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	399.2	398.8	398.1	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.3
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	323.6	322.0	314.1	1.6	9.5	0.5	3.0
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	35.8	35.7	33.6	0.1	2.2	0.3	6.5
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	182.6	181.6	175.6	1.0	7.0	0.6	4.0
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	14.3	14.2	15.1	0.1	-0.8	0.7	-5.3
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	80.9	80.5	79.8	0.4	1.1	0.5	1.4
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	113.0	112.7	111.9	0.3	1.1	0.3	1.0
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	34.3	34.8	34.4	-0.6	-0.1	-1.7	-0.3
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	595.4	593.2	586.9	2.2	8.5	0.4	1.4
TRANSPORTATION	352.5	350.4	341.2	2.1	11.3	0.6	3.3
RAILROADS	21.3	21.3	21.7	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.8
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	152.8	151.1	145.3	1.8	7.6	1.2	5.2
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	178.3	178.0	174.2	0.3	4.1	0.2	2.4
COMMUNICATIONS	159.1	159.1	162.0	0.0	-2.9	0.0	-1.8
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	83.8	83.7	83.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	2956.0	2915.5	2833.6	40.5	122.4	1.4	4.3
WHOLESALE TRADE	731.8	729.6	707.4	2.2	24.4	0.3	3.4
RETAIL TRADE	2224.2	2185.9	2126.2	38.3	98.0	1.8	4.6
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	294.0	284.2	277.7	9.8	16.3	3.4	5.9
FOOD STORES	303.4	300.0	293.2	3.4	10.2	1.1	3.5
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1626.8	1601.7	1555.3	25.1	71.5	1.6	4.6
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	799.2	797.0	779.1	2.2	20.1	0.3	2.6
FINANCE	376.7	376.0	371.4	0.7	5.3	0.2	1.4
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	219.3	218.3	211.9	1.0	7.4	0.5	3.5
REAL ESTATE	183.5	183.1	176.5	0.4	7.0	0.2	4.0
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	19.7	19.6	19.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	2.1
SERVICES	2944.1	2936.4	2808.8	7.7	135.3	0.3	4.8
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	169.1	168.3	158.2	0.8	10.9	0.5	6.9
PERSONAL SERVICES	123.5	122.6	118.5	0.9	5.0	0.7	4.2
BUSINESS SERVICES	747.7	743.4	706.3	4.3	41.4	0.6	5.9
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	171.6	171.1	167.3	0.5	4.3	0.3	2.6
MOTION PICTURES	83.4	82.4	79.4	1.0	4.0	1.2	5.0
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	122.9	123.0	116.6	-0.1	6.3	-0.1	5.4
HEALTH SERVICES	707.1	705.7	676.3	1.4	30.8	0.2	4.6
OTHER SERVICES	818.8	819.9	786.2	-1.1	32.6	-0.1	4.1
GOVERNMENT	1923.7	1924.9	1872.9	-1.2	50.8	-0.1	2.7
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	350.1	347.9	344.9	2.2	5.2	0.6	1.5
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1573.6	1577.0	1528.0	-3.4	45.6	-0.2	3.0
COUNTY	241.5	241.9	237.9	-0.4	3.6	-0.2	1.5
CITY	206.6	206.5	201.2	0.1	5.4	0.0	2.7
EDUCATION	837.5	840.0	812.2	-2.5	25.3	-0.3	3.1
EDUCATION STATE	160.8	164.2	156.9	-3.4	3.9	-2.1	2.5
EDUCATION LOCAL	676.7	675.8	655.3	0.9	21.4	0.1	3.3
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	288.0	288.6	276.7	-0.6	11.3	-0.2	4.1
STATE EXC ED	191.3	191.4	182.4	-0.1	8.9	-0.1	4.9
SPECIAL DISTRICT	96.7	97.2	94.3	-0.5	2.4	-0.5	2.5
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	271.6	273.4	271.3	-1.8	0.3	-0.7	0.1

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT DATA AND RESEARCH DIVISION

TABLE 5

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
NOVEMBER 1987

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	13917700	13201100	716600	5.1
ALAMEDA	661400	631600	29800	4.5
ALPINE	600	550	50	7.8
AMADOR	10350	9700	650	6.4
BUTTE	68900	63750	5150	7.5
CALAVERAS	9750	8975	775	8.0
COLUSA	7025	6300	725	10.3
CONTRA COSTA	393700	375800	17900	4.5
DEL NORTE	6600	5625	975	14.9
EL DORADO	58200	55300	2900	5.0
FRESNO	285800	253700	32100	11.2
GLENN	10700	9650	1050	9.8
HUMBOLDT	49300	45600	3700	7.4
IMPERIAL	39550	31750	7800	19.7
INYO	8325	7900	425	5.1
KERN	233000	208900	24100	10.4
KINGS	31125	28250	2875	9.2
LAKE	16650	15025	1625	9.7
LASSEN	9450	8725	725	7.6
LOS ANGELES	4275000	4084000	191000	4.5
MADERA	31475	27775	3700	11.7
MARIN	127100	123400	3700	2.9
MARIPOSA	6250	5775	475	7.4
MENDOCINO	34450	31475	2975	8.7
MERCED	67925	60475	7450	11.0
MODOC	3900	3650	250	6.6
MONO	5450	5025	425	7.6
MONTEREY	153500	140400	13100	8.5
NAPA	56700	53900	2800	5.0
NEVADA	28700	27025	1675	5.9
ORANGE	1326100	1286100	40000	3.0
PLACER	72600	68900	3700	5.0
PLUMAS	8525	7700	825	9.6
RIVERSIDE	398000	373300	24700	6.2
SACRAMENTO	485900	460200	25700	5.3
SAN BENITO	15600	13625	1975	12.6
SAN BERNARDINO	525400	499500	25900	4.9
SAN DIEGO	1075400	1028500	46900	4.4
SAN FRANCISCO	407000	390400	16600	4.1
SAN JOAQUIN	185800	166800	19000	10.2
SAN LUIS OBISPO	92200	88350	3850	4.2
SAN MATEO	353800	344100	9700	2.7
SANTA BARBARA	179800	171400	8400	4.7
SANTA CLARA	808900	776300	32600	4.0
SANTA CRUZ	121900	113900	8000	6.6
SHASTA	55075	50425	4650	8.5
SIERRA	1500	1375	125	8.8
SISKIYOU	17575	15900	1675	9.6
SOLANO	134700	127100	7600	5.6
SONOMA	188300	179700	8600	4.6
STANISLAUS	152200	134200	18000	11.8
SUTTER	25975	22550	3425	13.2
TEHAMA	17625	16175	1450	8.3
TRINITY	5100	4650	450	9.0
TULARE	130350	115150	15200	11.7
TUOLUMNE	17275	15925	1350	7.8
VENTURA	337400	318800	18600	5.5
YOLO	69400	64400	5000	7.2
YUBA	17650	15850	1800	10.2

* NOTE: IMPERIAL COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE LOWER BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 1986 REPORT DUE TO A CHANGE IN METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYMENT.
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.